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<u>City of South Fulton Mayor William "Bill" Edwards Chosen for</u> <u>Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority (ATL) Board Election Caucus</u>

(CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA, Tuesday, September 11) City of South Fulton Mayor William "Bill" Edwards was elected with a unanimous vote to serve as the District 8 representative to The ATL - Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority.

Mayor Edwards was nominated and ran uncontested during the District 8 Mayoral Caucus meeting held at Miller Zell located in the City of South Fulton. District 8 includes parts of Cobb, Fulton and Douglas Counties. These districts intentionally cross county boundaries.

"I am proud to be the representative for District 8. I believe in regional collaboration. Having served on the Fulton County Board of Commissioners for 14 years, I understand and have had to deal with transit opportunities, and I look forward to working with other Mayors in District 8 to discuss not only resources but equity for the region."

Mayor Edwards will serve on the election caucus board for the new ATL which is comprised of multiple elected officials throughout 10 different transit districts. This group is responsible for selecting a representative to serve on the ATL's Board of Directors.

The ATL was birthed after the passing of HB930 in the General Assembly on March 29, 2018 and after the Governor signed the legislation into law on May 3, 2018. This move created the new regional governance and funding structure called ATL

The ATL is a unifying entity that ensures coordinated planning and funding of transit across Metro Atlanta and oversees all transit activity to increase transparency around regional transit planning funding and operations.

For additional information about the ATL, visit: https://www.srta.ga.gov/atl/ and https://atlantaregional.org/news/transportation-mobility/what-the-atl-means-for-regional-transit-and-metro-atlanta/